

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Jim Venable

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 11, 1998

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 98-282 - Resolution of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in Support of the CALFED Preferred Alternative Three

RECOMMENDED MOTION:


That the Board join with me in adopting Resolution No. 98-282 in support of CALFED Preferred Alternative Three.

BACKGROUND:

The CALFED partnership of state and federal agencies along with urban, agricultural and environmental interests have been working together since 1994 to develop a long-term solution to the Bay-Delta. CALFED recently released its programmatic environmental report for review. The report offers three comprehensive proposals for improving water management, quality and supplies and restoring the long-term ecological health of the Bay-Delta system.

The Bay-Delta provides a significant portion of the imported water supply to Southern California. Our region's increasing population coupled with the continuing growth of our diverse economy require that Southern California remain heavily dependent on this region for a portion of our water supply.

All three alternatives share the same goals in restoring the Bay-Delta ecosystem while improving the quality and reliability of water supplies. Each proposal includes additional water storage facilities. The proposals differ in how each proposes to store and move water across the Delta. Alternative One would essentially reoperate the current Delta water supply system to minimize environmental impacts. Alternative Two uses the existing system but with significant modifications to Delta channels to further reduce environmental impacts. Alternative Three builds on the second alternative and adds a new isolated canal to divert water around the Delta.

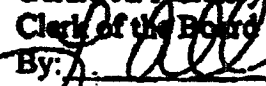

Jim Venable
Supervisor
Third District

JV:vc

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Venable and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Venable, Wilson and Mullen
Noes: None
Absent: None
Date: September 1, 1998

Gerald A. Maloney
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy